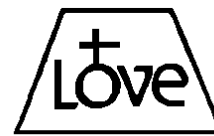


# Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28, 2007

Faith, hope, and love remain, these three;  
but the greatest of these is love.— *1 Corinthians 13:13*



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Saturday January 27	5:15 PM	Kathleen Schaumloeffel R/O Judy and Dick Stern & Family
Sunday January 28	9:00 AM 11:00 AM	Deceased Members of the Stern Family R/O Calvin and Anna Malsbury Charles Papiez, Sr. R/O St. John's Choir
Monday January 29	7:00 PM	Yeshra Azzam R/O Brian and Christine Donga
Tuesday January 30	8:00 AM	Louis Brown R/O Judy and Bill Wagner
Wednesday January 31	8:00 AM	Ann Marie Smith R/O Dan Morgan
Thursday February 1	8:00 AM	June McSparren R/O Bob and Karen Viafora
Friday February 2	8:00 AM	People of the Parish
Saturday February 3	8:00 AM 5:15 PM	Communion Service Bernice Anderson R/O Mr. & Mrs. John Abbotts

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### MASS SERVERS:

#### Saturday, February 3

5:15 pm Danielle Rafferty, Melissa Olmeda

#### Sunday, February 4

9 am Chelsea Pitonyak, Alyssa Heideman

11 am Carla Breccia, Samantha Breccia

### LECTORS

#### Saturday, February 3

5:15 pm Diane Swanekamp

#### Sunday, February 4

9 am Anna Malsbury

11 am John Tiberi

### SPECIAL MINISTERS

#### Saturday, February 3

5:15 pm Bob & Kathy Diszler,  
Francine Pasch, Judy Wagner, Pat Gruca

#### Sunday, February 4

9 am Bob & Carol Fcasni, Ray Robb,  
Joan & Richard Schweizer

11 am Judy Pепpler, Bob & Maria Phillips, Dot &  
Dick Kober

Cry Room: A reminder to our parents of young ones. The former baptistry is now serving as a "cry room" if your little ones become restless during Mass.

### Rectory Office Hours

9:30 am - 4:00 pm  
Monday to Friday

### Sunday Hospitality

Coffee, juice and donuts are served after the Sunday morning Masses in the Church Hall. All are welcome.

### Scripture Study

On January 11, 2007 we began a new scripture study on St. Paul's Letters to the Church at Corinth. We will meet in the Rectory Meeting Room from 7 pm - 8:30 pm. Books are available at the Rectory for \$7.

### Religious Education News

Confirmation will be on Friday, May 4 at 4:00 pm our Presider will be Monsignor Toomey.

The \$25 Confirmation fee is due by the end of January.

### Lectors' New Schedule

Please pick up your new schedules in the Sacristy.



Peter John Marucci son Michael and Jeanne was welcomed into our Parish Family last Sunday. May God abundantly bless him and his family.

### Love In Our Works

Our Lord does not care so much for the importance of our works as for the love with which they are done.

### Knights of Columbus

#### Valentines Dinner Dance

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Valentines Dinner/Dance at the Green's Restaurant on Saturday, February 10, 2007 from 7-11 pm. The cost is \$35/person. Tickets are on sale. For further information contact M. Reilly @ 259-2516 or R. Kober @ 259-1477.

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### **Bishop's Anniversary Blessing**

This year's Forty First Annual Bishop's Anniversary Blessing sponsored by the Office of Family Life/Respect Life will honor couples married in 1982 and 1957 and any couple celebrating more than fifty years of marriage. This year's event will be held at The Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption, Trenton, NJ; at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 22, 2007.

Mass will not be celebrated. Registration required. Please call Donna (259-3391) at the Rectory between 9:30 am– 4 pm to register. Registration deadline is March 16, 2007.

### **Daily Mass Record Book 2008**

Parishioners who wish to reserve special days for mass intentions are asked to come to the Rectory on weekdays between 9:30 am and 4 pm. For a few weeks the Mass Book will be held open to accommodate special dates for our parishioners. We will initially limit all parishioners to 6 Masses per year (only 3 on a weekend). On July 1, 2007 we will then notify you if there are still Masses available for 2008.

### **Women's Afternoon of Recollection**

Sunday, March 11, 2007 from 2:30-5:30 pm at St. Gregory the Great Church. All women of the Parish and outside of our parish are invited to attend. Our Retreat Master is Fr. Leon Buni. Dinner is provided by Fred & Pete's will follow in the School Cafeteria at a cost of only \$15. Don't miss out on this great day and dinner with your friends and women in our community.

For more information, call Helen at 443-4678 or Dorothy at 371-0766.

### **The Great Hymn To Love**

It is doubtful that Saint Paul, when he sat down to write what we now know as the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians, knew that he was penning what was to become one of the keystones of Christian ethics. In this brief passage, he set down ideals about love that have held fast through the centuries. Sometimes we may think that because these are ideals to which we aspire, we are excused from them in our daily living.

But what Paul was writing was a letter to his friends, providing them with some sound advice about what it meant—and still means—to live in love, day by day, as a follower of Christ. We find in his words to his friends a broadening of the great commands of Jesus to love God and neighbor. Today we hear what this love must look like in our own actions, and how it ought to guide our relationships with others.

### **Collection Envelopes For 2007**

Boxes of Collection Envelopes for 2007 are available. We will follow the same process as last year. Please print on the enclosed index card your name, address, and telephone number and give the completed card to one of the Ushers.

### **Statement of Contributions For 2006**

Anyone wishing to receive a Statement of Contributions to the Church for 2006 may call the Rectory between 9:30 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday 259-3391.

### **Sunday Offerings**

Jan. 20-21: \$5,751 Latin Americas & Home Missions: \$842

Jan. 27-28: Catholic Education Assistance envelope

Many many thanks for your continued support.

### **The Bishop's Appeal—In Action**

Office of Pastoral Care:

For those of us, young and old who may be infirmed, the Office of Pastoral Care ministers and coordinates ministries and resources to those who care for, and minister to, the sick, dying, to those in residential centers, rehabilitation facilities, and hospitals throughout the Diocese. They have an enormous job at hand, and the Bishop's Appeal provides resources for them to continue to do their work. Providing spiritual help to us through these difficult times is essential physically and emotionally.

### **Choir News**

Choir Practice Wednesdays

Youth 6:30-7:25 pm and Parish 7:45-9 pm

Our Canticle Choir will practice this Sunday, January 28th at 7-8 pm. New members (7th grade to adult) are always welcomed—singers and instrumentalists. Come this evening and check it out.

Our Canticle Choir will sing at the 9 am Mass on February 4th. Please be here at 8:30 am.

Our Youth Choir will sing at the 5:15 pm Mass on February 10th. Please be here by 5 pm.

All choirs are practicing for the Lent and Easter Season. New members—singers and instrumentalists are always welcomed. Our singing at Mass is part of our community prayer.

Join a choir and lead our community in our sung prayer. Our Youth and Parish Choirs practice on Wednesday and our Canticle Choir practices on Sunday. For further information call Judy Stern 609-259-6761.

### **Treasures From Our Tradition**

For the first four centuries or so, there seems not to have been a sense of marriage as a church institution. Christians followed civil law, which kept the wedding in a family setting. Bishops wanted people to be good citizens insofar as possible, and so they recognized the government's role in marriage. In general, they expected Christians to know that marriage was good, that marriage to other Christians was best, and to take it easy on the wild wedding parties. They agreed that marriage was a divine institution, that Christ blessed it especially, and they loved referring to the miracle at the wedding feast of Cana. Still, even when Christianity became the official religion of the empire in 380, marriage remained a family matter.

On wedding days people gathered in the bride's house, where the father would "give her hand" to her husband, draping a garland of flowers over the couple. There were no official words to say, there was no blessing to be given. Everyone walked in procession to the bride's new home for the concluding rites and the feast. In the Eastern Empire, it soon became customary to invite a priest or bishop to give a blessing at the meal or the day before. It was a nice thing to do, completely optional, but had a "photo-op" feel to it that was widely emulated. Before long, at least in the East, it looked as if the priest were joining the couple in marriage and blessing the union.



Eternal Rest: Grant Unto  
Edward F. Ossowski  
who died recently